

## ANNOUNCEMENT 5-5-3 AGREEMENT

JAP DELEGATES  
ACCEPT CHINESE  
RAILROAD OFFER

Proposition to Pay 53,000,000  
Gold Marks Received  
Acceptably.

## AWAIT TOKIO APPROVAL

Question of Coal Mines and  
Ore Fields Deferred by  
Committee.

By Associated Press.  
WASHINGTON, Dec. 15.—Subject to Tokyo's approval, the Japanese delegation Friday accepted the Chinese offer to pay 53,000,000 gold marks for the Kiaochow-Tsinanfu railroad in Shantung plus what Japan has made in permanent improvements but less deterioration.

When the conversations between the two delegations was renewed Thursday afternoon the Chinese offered to buy the railroad outright in cash but the Japanese, it was said, raised questions as to why this course was proposed, pointing out that all other railroads in China had been built with aid of foreign loans.

The Chinese delegates replied that the Chinese government was ready to finance the restoration of the railroad and China's desire was to make use of this in order to do away with "foreign control."

Satisfactory Progress.  
Mr. Handman, of the Japanese delegation, said after the meeting that satisfactory progress had been made toward a settlement of the Shantung question, but would give no details.

From the Chinese, however, it was learned that after the provisional acceptance of the Chinese financial offer for complete Chinese control over the railroad, the discussion centered on the mode of payment. No decision was reached, and the discussion will be continued Friday.

The amount agreed upon virtually is the valuation placed on the road, exclusive of the adjacent mines, by the reparations commission set up under the treaty of Versailles, and which Japan is to pay Germany.

Defer Mine Problems.  
The question of coal mines and certain ore fields involved in the disputed railroad remains to be settled, but according to the Chinese, probably will not be reached until the method of payment for the road proper is agreed upon.

The following statement was issued by the Chinese and Japanese delegations after the meeting:  
"Further progress was made in the thirteenth meeting of the Chinese and Japanese delegates relative to the question of Shantung in their discussion of the Tsinanfu-Tsinanfu railroad. The meeting was adjourned at 6 p. m. until 2:30 o'clock Friday afternoon."

ONE DAY SESSION  
PLEASES M'CRA

Governor Expresses His  
Approval of Action of  
Legislature.

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind., Dec. 15.—Gov. McCray Thursday expressed appreciation of the action of the special session of the legislature in passing the reformatory relocation measure in one day and then adjourning without the passage of other legislation.

"I am much pleased with the results of the special session," said the governor. "Members of the assembly showed their regard for the welfare of the state in enacting the legislation."

With the tangle of the reformatory removal straightened out by the passage of the law giving the relocation commission authority to remove the institution from Jeffersonville to a site in the central part of the state, work will begin immediately to carry out the provisions of the new act.

The commission will meet within a few days, it was said, to begin preliminary work in regard to the removal. The first question to be considered, it was said, will be the selection of a site for the new institution.

JUST TO REMIND YOU  
DAYS TILL  
CHRISTMAS

I'VE DONE  
ALL MY  
SHOPPING—  
HAVE  
YOU?

New York Central  
Closes Two Shops  
1,100 Thrown Out

CLEVELAND, O., Dec. 15.—The Elkhart, Ind., and Collinwood, O., locomotive repair shops of the New York Central railroad will be closed for an indefinite period because of depressed business conditions, A. S. Ingalls, general manager, announced here Thursday night. When asked concerning reports that the plants would be taken over by private concerns Jan. 1 he said he knew of no future plans having been decided upon. Six hundred men will be affected in the Collinwood plant, and 500 at the Elkhart shops. The maintenance shops at Collinwood will continue to operate.

RAIL CHIEFS SAY  
ROADS HAVE NOT  
EARNED INTEREST

Tell Interstate Commerce  
Commission Rate Decreases  
Are Not Justified.

By Associated Press.  
WASHINGTON, Dec. 15.—Railroad earnings, past and present, were the subject of discussion at the annual meeting of the Interstate Commerce Commission today. The commission is considering a reduction in the rate of return on the investment in the railroads from 6 to 5 percent.

Under the commission's rulings, cross-examination of the three witnesses was deferred until January. When states, municipalities and shippers take place "in the not far distant future."

Wants Higher Rates.  
Mr. Campbell concurred to a degree with Mr. Shriver but declared particularly that New England rates were too low. He advocated higher rates on less than railroad shipments, upon first class passenger fares and upon express shipments and added that losses were encountered in transporting mail.

ROB MESSENGER FOR  
\$17,000 PAYROLL

NEW YORK, Dec. 15.—Five highwaymen held up two messengers of the Green Point National bank in Brooklyn Thursday, knocked one of them unconscious and got away with \$17,000, the payroll of the Eberhardt Faber Pencil Co. The hold up took place opposite the Green Point police station. Police have a description of two of the bandits.

HOLD EMPLOYE FOR  
EXPLOSION DEATHS

Grand Jury Charges Filling  
Station Manager With Involuntary Manslaughter.

PONTIAC, Mich., Dec. 15.—Everett Keller, an employee of the Standard Oil Co., was taken into custody Thursday night on an order by Prosecuting Atty. Blakelee, who opened the grand jury investigation into an explosion and fire that caused the death of Victor Weikin and seven small children. A John Doe warrant on which the investigation was based, will be substituted Friday, the prosecutor announced, by a warrant charging Keller with involuntary manslaughter.

The burning of the Weikin home is declared by officials to have been caused by the use of kerosene, which contained gasoline, to kindle a fire in the kitchen stove.

Another explosion, said to have been caused by kerosene purchased at the station where Weikin obtained his supply, occurred Thursday in the home of Mrs. C. E. White. The furnace was wrecked, but no one was injured.

ULSTER SPLIT  
ON ACCEPTING  
IRISH TREATY

Bonar Law, Unionist Leader,  
Speaks in Commons in Favor  
of Settlement.

## EXPECT VOTE FRIDAY

Dail Eireann Holding Secret  
Sessions to Come to Agree-  
ment on Program.

By Associated Press.  
LONDON, Dec. 15.—The event of the day in connection with the Irish settlement was the decision of Andrew Bonar Law, unionist, former government leader in the house of commons, and one of the strong men on the Ulster side, to accept the treaty, and if not to invite Ulster to come into the settlement, at all events to counsel acceptance of the boundary commission, which the marquis of Londonderry in the house of lords, hinted Ulster might reject.

Mr. Bonar Law had been confidently relied upon by the "die-hards," if he speaks at all, to support Lord Carson in opposing the treaty, or at the worst, to remain neutral. His speech had taken much of the force out of the Carsonite attack, and it is considered to have insured ratification of the treaty by the overwhelming majority in the house of commons.

"Die-Hards' Lose.  
Had he opposed the treaty, there would likely have been an acquisition to the forces of the "die-hards" estimated at from 40 to 50 who expected to vote against ratification.

The vote is expected to be taken in both houses of parliament Friday afternoon and the most important incident in Friday's debate is likely to be Lord Birkenhead's reply to Lord Carson, the two main pillars of the anti-treaty campaign.

Other Defenders.  
Winston Spencer Churchill, secretary for the colonies, and Herbert H. Asquith in the house of commons, warmly defended the treaty. When the striking contribution to the debate. He admitted that the treaty was imperfect in form, but contended that England was great enough to try the experiment of throwing the responsibility of its own administration on Ireland.

When the commons adjourned Thursday night, Austen Chamberlain, the government leader, in reply to various questions, admitted that it was undesirable that parliament should be prorogued before the result of the discussions at Dublin was known, therefore it might be adjourned until Friday.

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STATE RESTS CASE  
IN TRIAL OF BURCH

Defense Is Granted Adjournment  
Until Monday to Pre-  
pare Motions.

By Associated Press.  
LOS ANGELES, Calif., Dec. 15.—The trial of Arthur C. Burch for the alleged murder of J. Belton Kennedy was adjourned late Thursday until Monday morning after the prosecution had rested, and defense attorneys announced that they wished several motions to make and wished time to prepare them.

The court granted a request that the prosecution be granted the privilege of reopening its case later to examine a witness who had been ill. This witness, Deputy Atty. Keyes said, is Mrs. James Warren, of Santa Barbara. Mrs. Warren was a passenger on the train on which Burch is alleged to have travelled from Chicago to Los Angeles last fall, about two weeks before Kennedy was shot.

Prosecution Scores.  
The first point scored by the prosecution Thursday was testimony checking on the distance travelled on the night of the slaying the automobile said to have been rented by Burch on that occasion. Richard Parsons, owner of the car, testified early in the trial that a hub attachment for registering mileage showed the machine travelled 44 miles.

Recalled this afternoon, Parsons testified that he drove over the route declared by the prosecution to have been taken by Burch and that 44 miles was registered by the attachment. The trip today was from Los Angeles to a point on a beach road near Santa Monica and return with two trips up a side road to Beverly Glen, where Kennedy was slain.

Two witnesses testified they saw Burch drive through the Glen both before and after the shooting, and two others testified they saw him on the beach road between the time fixed for his visits to the Glen.

NEW SWISS PRESIDENT  
BERNE, Switzerland, Dec. 15.—Robert Haab has been elected president of Switzerland by the federal assembly for the year 1922. He will take office Jan. 1. Colonel Karl Scheurer was elected vice president.

## Ohio City Elects Girl as Mayor



Dr. Amy Kankonen, 23, was recently elected mayor of Fairport, O. In her platform she pledged to rid the town of bootleggers. Mrs. Harding and other leading women of the country have wired their congratulations upon her election.

MORTIMER SAYS  
GOV. SMALL WILL  
GET FAIR TRIAL

State's Attorney Defends In-  
dictments Against Governor  
as Legally Drawn.

WAIKES, Ill., Dec. 15.—Indictments against Gov. Len Small, Lieut. Gov. Fred E. Sterling and Vernon Curtis, Grant Park, Ill., banker, charging them with embezzlement of state funds, conspiracy and operating a confidence game, were defended Thursday by C. Fred Mortimer, state's attorney of Sangamon county in the opening argument of the state in opposition to the defense motions to quash the charges.

The indictments, he told Judge Claude C. Edwards, were properly drawn and returned by a legally selected grand jury. The special report of the grand jury, purporting to set forth the evidence on which it acted, Mr. Mortimer declared, was not illegal or prejudicial to the defendants in this anti-fair trial.

Denies Defense Claim.  
The Sangamon county state's attorney denied the defense claim that the governor and Mr. Curtis could not get a fair trial any place in Illinois and asserted the theory advanced by lawyers for the governor at the time of his indictment that "the king can do no wrong" had attracted far more attention to the case against the governor than the grand jury special report or the indictments themselves.

"No man will do more than I," Mr. Mortimer said, "to help Mr. Small get a fair trial and get justice."

Clerk Changes Testimony.  
The state recalled Charles W. Byers, county clerk of Sangamon county, to the stand to change his testimony of last week when, under cross examination by Mr. Leforge, he declared he did not know of any alterations in the minute book of the Sangamon county board of supervisors, and could not detect alleged alterations which the governor's chief counsel sought to point out to him.

Thursday Mr. Byers testified he found on his return to Springfield last week that Miss Ethel S. Bucklin, his stenographer, had added the words "September 15, 1920" at the end of the minutes of the board meeting of Sept. 14, 1920. The sentence had read "on motion of Mr. Becker, the board adjourned to meet Thursday night."

The defense contended the failure to state the adjournment date constituted a sine die adjournment and rendered everything done by the board from Sept. 14, to its next regular meeting in the following April, illegal.

GRANITE CUTTERS  
FACE WAGE SLASH  
BOSTON, Dec. 15.—Approximately 10,000 granite cutters and quarrymen east of the Mississippi river are affected by wage cuts of from 20 to 25 per cent which become effective Jan. 1. Robert D. Swift, of Wollaston, secretary-treasurer of the International Monumental Granite Producers' association said Thursday night.

Mr. Swift, who is present in connection with a conference beginning Friday between a wage committee representing granite manufacturers and representatives of granite cutters and quarrymen's unions, stated that information in the hands of the employers indicated the wage proposals had been rejected in the referendum just being completed against the workers.

IMPENDING "RUIN"  
DRIVES ELSTON TO  
SUICIDE IN RIVER

California Representative Is  
Found in Potomac With Mys-  
terious Note on Body.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 15.—The body of Rep. John A. Elston of California was found floating in the Potomac river late Thursday. A note found in the congressman's coat said he was caught in "a chain of circumstances which spelled ruin."

Mr. Elston, it was said Thursday night disappeared Tuesday morning, but was found by detective that evening. Within a few hours, however, he again disappeared and that was the last seen of him. It is believed that he plunged into the river late that night. He apparently had been suffering under mental depression, although he had given no evidence of it until he disappeared Tuesday. Upon being found that evening he was given medical attention.

Failure of the government to undertake extensive development of the Alameda, Calif., naval base project, was understood to have been a cause of great concern to him, as he had from the first given close attention to this proposed development.

Whether other matters pertaining to his district had also weighed on his mind could not be said Thursday night, although it was asserted that he had decided not to stand for re-election next fall.

Note on Body.  
Mr. Elston's hat and overcoat were found on the bank of the river about the time the body was recovered. The note found on the body said:

"I am in a chain of circumstances that spell ruin although my offense was innocently made in the beginning. I hope all the facts may come out. My stay means embarrassment to my district and to a worthy people clean and generous."

Mr. Elston was elected to congress as a republican from the sixth California district, and had been a member of the house since the 64th congress. He was born at Woodland, Calif., Feb. 10, 1875. In 1899 he was admitted to the California bar and practiced law in Berkeley until 1902 when he became secretary to Gov. Pardee. Later he was selected as attorney for the California State board of health, and was a trustee to the California institute for deaf and blind. He was a member of the Delta Upsilon and Phi Beta Kappa college fraternities. He is survived by a widow and four children.

SHOOTING AT BELFAST.  
BELFAST, Dec. 15.—There was considerable shooting and two bombs were thrown this evening in the Newtown yards and Old Park districts in which three persons were wounded. The firing became so intense at one time that the soldiers and police replied to it.

BROOKLYN CHURCH BURNS  
NEW YORK, Dec. 15.—Fire in the church of St. Stanislaus in Brooklyn Thursday did \$100,000 damage and drove 12 nuns from their dormitory adjoining the church into the streets.

THE WEATHER.  
INDIANA—Rain and somewhat warmer Friday; Saturday rain or snow and much colder. LOWER MICHIGAN—Snow or rain Friday and Saturday; somewhat warmer Friday; colder Saturday.

Curious  
Of Flying  
U. S. Co.

NEW YORK.—The decision of the United States circuit court of appeals Thursday held that Glenn H. Curtiss was the first person to invent and operate a flying boat and issued an order awarding him the broad patent for hydro-airplane.

The decision, said by aeronautics experts to be one of the most significant developments in aviation since the Wright patents were upheld, reversed the lower court's ruling which awarded the patent rights to Albert S. Janin, an inventor of Staten Island.

GERMANY CONFESSES  
INABILITY TO MEET  
REPARATIONS DEBTS

Matter of Moratorium Left  
Squarely in Hands of Allied  
Commission.

By Associated Press.  
PARIS, Dec. 15.—Germany will not be able to meet full her reparations payments of 1,000,000,000 gold marks falling due Jan. 15 and Feb. 15 and has so informed the allied reparations commission.

A moratorium is not asked for by the German government in its note, which merely lays Germany's financial situation as existing at present before the reparations commission as evidence of Germany's inability to meet the forthcoming installment, each of 500,000,000 gold marks.

No Release Asked For.  
Neither is any release from her obligations requested by Germany which apparently has left the matter entirely in the hands of the reparations commission.

The concluding paragraph of the brief note, however, gives a strong intimation that Germany sees no way out of her financial difficulties, except through the so-called "reparations holiday" or a delay of two or three years.

The announcement contains a definite warning to the allies that similar difficulties will arise in connection with subsequent payments. This is interpreted in reparations circles as meaning that Germany will seek further delays and attempt to force the powers to revise the present reparations agreement.

Dr. Wirth's Note.  
The text of the note, which is signed by Dr. Wirth, the German chancellor, and addressed to the chairman of the reparations commission, follows:

"As I had the honor to explain to the reparations commissions during its visit to Berlin, the German government has made every effort to meet its obligations and to settle its arrears as early as possible under the terms of the schedule of payments of May 5, 1921."

"In view of the fact that the schedule of payments of May 5, 1921."

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ORDER MINERS BACK  
TO WORK IN KANSAS

Presence of Troops in Strike  
Area Provides Protection  
for Workers.

PITTSBURGH, Kan., Dec. 15.—Van A. Bittner, international representative of the United Mine Workers, late Thursday issued a formal call for union miners in Kansas to return to work Friday morning. His call set forth that protection against disorder has been provided by the state and that the mine whistles will be blown as usual.

Operations in the North field have been halted for the past two days because of the mob activities of women adherents of Alexander Howat, deposed and imprisoned district president. The women stormed the mines and forcibly prevented the men from working.

The mines at the southern end of the field were not visited by the women and work there continued undisturbed.

With the arrival Thursday of national guardsmen, quiet was restored throughout the district and a general resumption of work is expected Friday.

The troops are stationed at the coal camps adjacent to the mines but they can be rushed to the shafts in a few minutes in the event of hostilities.

ENGLAND, JAPAN AND U. S.  
FORMALLY ADOPT HUGHES  
PLAN FOR NAVAL HOLIDAY

Japan Will Retain the Mutsu, Great Britain Will  
Build Two New Dreadnaughts, and U. S. Will  
Complete Colorado and Washington.

By Associated Press.  
WASHINGTON, Dec. 15.—Agreement of the "big three" naval powers on the "5-5-3" naval ratio plan was officially announced Thursday at the state department.

Under the plan, Japan retains the superdreadnaught Mutsu instead of the old battleship Seto, and the United States retains two additional ships of the Maryland class instead of the Delaware and North Dakota.

Great Britain as an equivalent will build two superdreadnaughts similar to the Maryland and Mutsu types but of greater tonnage, scrapping four old battleships of the original retained lists suggested by the American plan.

The agreement includes a status quo understanding on fortifications of the Pacific islands in open waters and exclusive of Hawaii and islands off the Japanese, Australian and New Zealand coasts.

With these exceptions the agreement coincides with the original plan of limitations, but questions as to submarines, possible modifications of the ten-year naval holiday and tonnage allowances in aircraft carriers and other auxiliary types are reserved for consideration by the new naval committee of 15 which held its first session Thursday.

The agreement also provides for a maximum limit in tonnage of capital ships to be built in replacement at 35,000 tons. American measurement and for an ultimate tonnage ratio between the three powers at the end of the 10-year holiday as follows:

Final Tonnage Ratio.  
Great Britain 25,000 tons; Japan 22,500 tons; U. S. 22,500 tons. The original American proposal fixed a maximum limit of 35,000 tons and provided for 50,000 tons each for the United States and Great Britain and 30,000 tons for Japan.

The ships of the Maryland class to be retained by the United States will be the Colorado and Washington, the ships to be scrapped by Great Britain to compensate for her two new battleships are the King George V, the Erin, the Centaur and the Ajax.

Under the agreement during the 10 years the United States will have 18 capital ships aggregating 525,000 tons; Great Britain 20 ships, aggregating 542,000 tons; and Japan 19 ships aggregating 539,000 tons.

This represents a total of 58,200 tons for Great Britain more than the United States, which is allowed, the agreement provides.

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HOUSE CONSIDERS  
RUSSIAN RELIEF

Rep. Walsh Opposes American  
Acting as Santa Claus  
for Entire World.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 15.—Under a rule limiting debate to two hours the house late Thursday took up the bill to appropriate \$20,000,000 for the purchase of grain and other food supplies for distribution in the famine-stricken districts of Russia. After brief discussion, however, further consideration went over until Friday.

Opposition to the bill developed at the outset when 44 representatives voted against taking up the measure and Rep. Walsh, republican, Massachusetts, declared it "as easy as this time of the year to think of Uncle Sam as the Santa Claus of the world."

Mr. Walsh contended that the funds for Russian relief should be held back for private charity and held that for the government to finance relief work would deprive every nation an opportunity to look to America for aid when it should work out its own problems.

Chairman Campbell of the rules committee declared that while he deplored bolshevism and the rule of Lenin and Trotsky, in Russia he thought the United States should do all it could to relieve distress among innocent women and children.

Rep. Cantrell, democrat, Kentucky, and Lord, socialist, New York, also urged passage of the bill. The vote of 217 to 11 in favor of taking up the measure under limited debate indicated, its proponents said, passage by a safe margin.

DRAG HARBOR FOR BODY.  
MICHIGAN CITY, Dec. 15.—The Michigan City harbor was dragged on Thursday for the body of Mrs. Apollonia Maschinsky, age 65, who disappeared Wednesday night and who, it is believed, drowned herself. The woman had been falling in health for several years and had frequently made threats to end her life.

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